GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHMENT OF MTNL SUBSIDIARY IN MAURITIUS
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a subsidiary of MTNL in Mauritius to start telecom services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose of establishing the subsidiary in the island country and the extent to which the MTNL would be benefited;

(d) whether the Government propose to establish such subsidiaries is other countries also; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI A PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) MTNL has registered a company on 14th November, 2003 with the name of Mahanagar Telephone (Mauritius) Ltd. with an equity capital of Rs. 100 crores.

(c) The purpose is to roll out fixed telephony, mobile telephony and international long distance service in Mauritius, as well as being a good opportunity to invest and extend the foot prints overseas through this project.

(d) & (e) MTNL is proposing to go to other counties like Kenya, Malawi and Armenia. At present, there is no proposal to establish a subsidiary but in case, the local conditions make it mandatory, new subsidiaries will be set up.